

FROM SOUTH AMERICA!

LESSONS ON SECURITY!

Dearest Ones,

GIJPN! WLY! GBT!

You've said so much about being careful about kidnappings, the usual reference being to worldly parents kidnapping their of-age offspring who have joined the Family. Our situation is that our former mates, who are now worldly parents of underage children in the Family, are trying to legally and/or illegally get "custody" of their legal offspring.

When we found out that my mate's ex-husband had arrived in the capital looking for her and the children, we split for parts unknown. As you've said so many times, it's best just to follow Jesus' advice to flee when they persecute you. As I've personally experienced, one confrontation could be too much, and all they need to get you irrevocably involved in court and legal hassles.

We faced the problem that, although her ex-husband has been out of the Family for over a year and a half, having been an alcoholic and yielding to a violent temper for years before actually leaving the Family, he was in contact with a weaker brother in the capital, even sharing an apartment with him for a while, and had apparently convinced him that he was

not such a bad guy and he had the right to be with the children.

Since the Fellowship R and its tremendous fruit of uniting the homes and even the nearby countries, anything that anybody knows, everybody knows, even within a several country radius.

We couldn't risk an open confrontation with her ex-husband, so we have had to actually hide out from even our own Family to avoid the possibility of an accidental leak of our whereabouts. Our precious Family was so wonderfully supportive, understanding, and helpful at the time we had to flee and we miss their fellowship. We of course have had wonderful visits by our VS's, GBT, and one video visit so far, for which we are very thankful. We're not complaining, as we would make any sacrifice necessary to keep and protect the precious children the Lord has put in our trust and care for Him and His service!

Legal kidnapping done by one of the legal parents of underage children is not that expensive or difficult to do, as of course the system doesn't even consider it kidnapping! Once a parent has custody, it is very difficult to get the children back, as possession is 90% of the law, ex-

cept if you are a Family member, since it is pretty easy to prove us "unfit parents" according to their standards and laws, which are, of course, contrary to God's laws!

We have just recently heard about a situation in which a disciple's parents from Europe had sent Interpol looking for her. They evidently had gone to the home where she had been living previously and asked where she was, and someone in the home actually gave them her exact address and telephone number! And these police weren't even pretending to be sheepy! By a miracle of God, she escaped before the police arrived at the address given them.

Others who are not parents, or even parents who have never experienced the horror of seeing a former loved one turn against you and with cold cruelty rip your child from your arms (legally!) as I have, don't fully realize the extremely vital importance of security in these situations, which definitely require being "wise as serpents and harmless as doves".

Perhaps a word from you might help to remind the Family to realize and take seriously the importance of protecting one another's security.

We pray for you constantly, for your health, inspiration, provision, and protection.

we know you have the most delicate security situation of us all! We love you more than words can tell!

Love in Jesus, your son and daughter forever
(Names Withheld for Security!)

Dear Family,

We wanted to mention an incident which happened to us when 3 brethren passed through our city on their way to another country. Having gotten our P.O. Box number from other brethren, they left a note for us not in an envelope & handed it to the lady who sorts the mail & puts it in our box. Then they gave her a piece of G.P. distribution lit.

We're not sure what else they told her, but next time one of us went to pick up the mail, this woman said, "Oh, are you part of the Religious Family too?" She was very friendly so we thought maybe nothing would come of it, however, about one month later, we didn't receive any of our mailings, which included 3 new mags & about 14 tapes! We don't know if this is connected to the incident with the brethren, but it is definitely an example of the possible consequences of what could happen when you aren't security minded enough, especially with something so precious as the mail—our life-line to God word for today! GBT!

Love, Judy, John, Lepto, Maria

TEACHING DANCING!

Choreographer & dancer at MCV shares tips & techniques on teaching children to dance.

From Mercy, MCV:

GBT & GREETINGS FROM PUERTO RICO! Bani & I arrived at MCV last summer & our fourth child was born on the Island just 5 days after we arrived. (I was 9 days overdue.) TVJ! It is such a privilege & blessing to be here & we are learning new lessons every day. I had the opportunity to help do some choreography for a few songs on the last two videos & danced on one song also. The video ministry is everything Dad & Maria said it would be & I am so happy & thrilled to help in any way I can with MCV! TVJ!

IT'S PARTICULARLY ABOUT DANCING THAT I WANTED TO WRITE TO YOU. The other day, Tracy mentioned how you had wanted a video on teaching dance to children. This inspired me so much because I taught dancing for many years & perhaps I can share some of the techniques, etc. that I have learned.

THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN I TAUGHT WERE PRE-SCHOOL AGE. Here at the camp I've been giving an hour ballet class to the little girls—the youngest being my daughter Kendra, who is 3 yrs. 4 mos., & the oldest child in the class will be 6 yrs.

NORMALLY IN A SYSTEM DANCE SCHOOL these age children wouldn't be together; but in the Family, our little ones are so mature & eager to learn, there have been no problems in them keeping up.

I BEGIN THE CLASS AT THE BARRE, (we use chairs though, ha!), & they learn 1st & 2nd position—but not turned out. The pre-schoolers' body can be damaged quite easily from turning out too much, knocking knees together, keeping their weight on the inside of their feet instead of the outside, etc., so I have been taught to teach a straight forward position of the feet & gradually go to a slight, turned out position until they seem ready for a full turn out. So, we practice our positions & then use our arms extended out to the side & over the head. We do "demi plie" (to half bend) in 1st & 2nd position, "tendu" (to point) front & to the side, & also "leve" (to rise up) from straight legs & "plie". Eventually they do "degage" (to engage) & "rendez par terre" (circle with toes on floor).

AFTER WORK AT THE BARRE WE DO CENTER FLOOR WORK. I give them little images to act out,—like being a tree whose branches are swaying in the breeze, a flower waking up in the morning, etc. We practice our arm movements by pretending to hold a big beach ball—first low, then middle & then over our heads.

THE LITTLE ONES DON'T YET KNOW THEIR RIGHT FROM THEIR LEFT, so we spend time pointing "Maria"—right foot & "Grandpa"—left foot! We point slowly & then go quicker & quicker until all the girls are giggling. Ha! I do the same thing with the arms. We practice how to curtsy & do little dance steps as well as arm & hand movements, such as rain, mountains, waves, etc.

THE THIRD PART OF THE CLASS IS DOING THINGS ACROSS THE FLOOR—jumping, hopping, skipping, flying like a bird, walking on our toes, putting out a small mat & pretending it's water & having to jump over it without getting our feet wet. We began recently to learn a turn, which involves learning to spot with the head so as not to get dizzy. We do marching also, & are learning to clap in time with the music.

I USUALLY END THE CLASS BY LETTING EACH GIRL IN TURN LEAD THE OTHERS in some dance step of their choice. After each girl has their turn, we come back to the center floor, all take a curtsy & then PTL for a fun dance time. Hallelujah! I hope the girls have as much fun as I do!

I ALSO STARTED A CLASS WITH THE OLDER CHILDREN—ages 7-11 yrs. With these girls I don't give as much of a ballet class as I do a jazz class (not to be confused with modern dance). We begin at center floor & exercise from our heads down, mostly with isolation exercises: ie. rotation of the head, shoulder, hip, leg movements, etc. After about 25 minutes of this we do exercises on the floor (many are similar to pre-natal exercises). After this we do steps across the floor, ie. turns, kicks, jazz walks, then I end the class doing a quick dance combination—usually picking a song off a MWM tape!

MOST OF THE OLDER GIRLS DANCE VERY WELL & I hope that they can use their talents also for witnessing & videos. All the adults are invited too, to exercise with the older girls' class.

With much love to you & your whole Home!

Mercy



Beautiful Mercy—choreographer, dancer & mother of four!

God's Little Miracles In Brasil!

The beginnings of "Musica Com Sentido" in Brasil!

From Singin' Sam, Brasil:

Dear Ones,

GOD BLESS YOU & GIJN! So many miracles have happened lately, that it's hard for me to sit down & stop for a while to tell you about them! I wanted to make a stab at it, though, & see what you think! Ha! God bless you all, & we do love you dearly.

PERHAPS YOU HEARD ALREADY THAT JUBAL & PETHUEL & FAMILIES CAME UP FROM ARGENTINA on the bus with all the recording equipment last Sunday. It was a real miracle how they got the equipment through the border, as it looked pretty dark at one point. The guy on the Brazilian side had told them that they would not only have to leave the equipment there, but would have to go to Rio, get some involved paperwork done, & then come back to the border & leave \$10,000 as a "security" deposit, to insure that they would come back to Argentina by land & through that particular border!

THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY SAID A SORT OF STRANGE LOOK CAME OVER HIS FACE, & he said, "Well, because of a feeling, I'm going to just trust you", & they didn't even stamp the equipment in their passports! What a miracle! That means the equipment can stay right here, & they don't have to take it out of the country when they go to renew their visas! TVJ!

GOD BLESS & KEEP YOU & continue to make you a blessing to so many!
Love in Jesus, Sam

"OUR GOD IS A GOD OF MIRACLES...and will do some of the most amazing things you could possibly imagine!—Where there's a will there's a way—with God's help! 'Nothing is impossible with God, & all things are possible to him that believeth!' (Lk.1:37; Mk.9:23)—Are you ready? God is waiting for you, & more willing to give than we are to receive. Little is much if God is in it, & He's not limited by few or many!—With Him you can do anything!" (Daily Might February 15 & 17).